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SUBJECT: FEDERAL EXECUTIVE INSTITUTE (FEI) SEMINAR VISIT
TO CARACAS

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1. PRIOR TO RECEIPT REFTEL FEI WAS UNAWARE OF ERIC BECKER'S PLANNED TOUR OF CARACAS. ALL PARTICIPANTS AGREE THAT IT OFFERS MOST INTERESTING NEW DIMENSION AND ON BASIS THEREOF ONE-DAY VISIT TO CIUDAD GUAYANA REGION IS COMPLETELY ACCEPTABLE.

2. AS WE NOW UNDERSTAND IT, VISIT CONTEMPLATES ARRIVAL SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 30; EMBASSY BRIEFING MONDAY MORNING; FOREIGN MINISTRY AND POSSIBLE CORDIPLAN OR OTHER GROUP BRIEFING MONDAY AFTERNOON AND TUESDAY MORNING; INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS TUESDAY AFTERNOON; ONE DAY VAF ROUND-TRIP TO CUIDAD GUAYANA REGION WITH CVG CONDUCTED TOUR ALL DAY WEDNESDAY; ERIC BECKER TOUR OF CARACAS AND OUTLYING ENVIRONS ALL DAY THURSDAY; ANY REMAINING INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS FRIDAY MORNING; AND DEPARTURE FOR US VIA PAA FLT. 444 AT 4:15 P.M. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5.

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3. WILL EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE MEET AT AIRPORT UPON

INITIAL ARRIVAL? IF SO, COULD HE BE PREPARED EXCHANGE TWENTY-DOLLAR ENVELOPES OF LOCAL CURRENCY FOR US DOLLARS OR TRAVELLERS OR PERSONAL CHECKS?

4. IN ROSTER OF PARTICIPANTS, PLEASE SUBSTITUTE JUNE WAKEFORD FOR JAMES BROGAN (SEE PREVIOUS FOR IDENTIFICATION).

5. WITH REGARD TO BUS, EMBASSY ADVICE OR RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED. FEI GROUP TENTATIVELY THINKING, BECAUSE EXPECTED SIZE OF GROUP SLIGHTLY EXCEEDS CAPACITY OF 14-PASSENGER BUS CITEDREFTEL, OF USING TAXIS TO AND FROM MAIQUETIA AIRPORT WITH BUS HIRED ONLY FOR USE MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY (UNLESS FOREIGN MINISTRY SUPPLYING TRANSPORT ON LATTER DATE). IS THIS FEASIBLE? AND WOULD EMBASSY BE ABLE SUPPLY ONE VEHICLE TO SUPPLEMENT 14-PASSENGER CAPACITY OF BUS?

6. SOME RESHAPING NOW CONTEMPLATED WITH RESPECT ROOMS AT HILTON. PREVIOUS REQUEST FOR 10 SINGLES AND 3 DOUBLES REMAINS IN FORCE, BUT DOUBLE ROOMS WILL NOW BE SHARED BY UNDERHILL WITH WAKEFORD, BLICKSTEIN WITH KURZEJESKI, AND BATHURST WITH DETRICK. PLEASE RESERVE LOWEST-PRICE SINGLES.

7. RUHE AND POSSIBLY ONE OTHER PARTICIPANT WILL ARRIVE EARLIER ON NOVEMBER 30 AND WILL PROCEED DIRECTLY TO CARACAS HILTON.

8. FEI MOST APPRECIATIVE EMBASSY'S CONTINUED COOPERATION AND LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING EMBASSY STAFF IN CARACAS. NUECHTERLEIN REQUESTS BRIEF OPPORTUNITY TO MEET PRIVATELY WITH AMBASSADOR SHLAUDEMAN EARLY MORNING OF NOVEMBER 1. KISSINGER

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